

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shunpei Yamazaki, et al. Art Unit : 2871
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Title : METHOD FOR PRODUCING DISPLAY DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF APRIL 18, 2006

Claims 44-48, 51-54, 70 and 72-104 are pending in this application, with claims 44, 72, 78, 84, 90, 95 and 100 being independent.

Independent claims 44, 72, 78, 84, 90, 95 and 100, along with their dependent claims 46, 47, 51-54, 73-77, 79-83, 85-89, 91-94, 96-99 and 101-104, have been rejected for double-patenting over claims 29, 37 and 38 of co-pending application number 10/896,015 ("the '015 application"). Independent claims 44, 72, 78, 84, 90, 95 and 100, along with their dependent claims 45-48, 51-54, 70, 73-77, 79-83, 85-89, 91-94, 96-99 and 101-104, have been rejected for double-patenting over claims 28, 51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of co-pending application number 10/902,787 ("the '787 application"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Independent claim 44 recites an active matrix type display device that includes, among other features, "a pixel circuit ... for switching pixels of said display device" (emphasis added), "a driver circuit comprising thin film transistors", "a passivation film covering said driver circuit, said passivation film having a contact hole to allow an electrical connection between at least one of said thin film transistors and said pixel circuit" (emphasis added), and "a wiring formed over said passivation film to form said electrical connection" (emphasis added). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claim 44 and its dependent claims 45-48, 51-54 and 70 because claims 29, 37 and 38 of the '015 application and claims 28, 51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of the '787 application do not describe or suggest (1) a pixel circuit for switching pixels, and (2) a wiring that provides an electrical connection between a pixel circuit and a thin film transistor of a driver circuit. Rather, claims 29, 37 and 38 of the '015 application and claims 28,

51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of the '787 application are completely silent as to these features. In addition, the rejections provide no indication as to where these features may be found in the claims of the '787 or '015 applications. Similarly to claim 44, independent claims 72, 78 and 84 each recite an active matrix display device that includes, among other features, "a pixel circuit ... for switching pixels of said display device" (emphasis added); "a driver circuit", and "a wiring ... , wherein said driver circuit is electrically connected to said pixel circuit through said wiring" (emphasis added). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 72, 78 and 84, and their dependent claims 73-77, 79-83 and 85-89, because claims 29, 37 and 38 of the '015 application and claims 28, 51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of the '787 application do not describe or suggest (1) a pixel circuit for switching pixels, and (2) a wiring that provides an electrical connection between a pixel circuit and a driver circuit. Rather, claims 29, 37 and 38 of the '015 application and claims 28, 51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of the '787 application are completely silent as to these features. In addition, the rejections provide no indication as to where these features may be found in the claims of the '787 or '015 applications.

Independent claims 90, 95 and 100 each recite an active matrix display device that includes, among other features, "a pixel circuit ... for switching pixels of said display device" (emphasis added), "at least one of source and drain electrodes", and "a wiring ... , wherein said at least one of said source and drain electrodes is electrically connected to said pixel circuit through said wiring" (emphasis added). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 90, 95 and 100, and their dependent claims 91-94, 96-99 and 101-104, because claims 29, 37 and 38 of the '015 application and claims 28, 51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of the '787 application do not describe or suggest (1) a pixel circuit for switching pixels, and (2) a wiring that provides an electrical connection between a pixel circuit and at least one of a source and a drain electrode. Rather, claims 29, 37 and 38 of the '015 application and claims 28, 51, 52, 61, 62, 81 and 82 of the '787 application are completely silent as to these features. In addition, the rejections provide no indication as to where these features may be found in the claims of the '787 or '015 applications.

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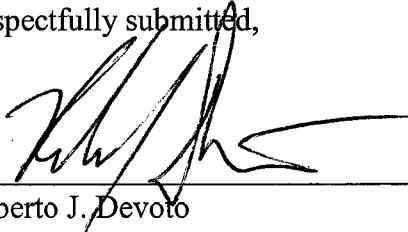
Moreover, in addition to the substantive reasons provided above, the provisional double-patenting rejections should be withdrawn in accordance with the first paragraph of MPEP 804(I)(B)(1), since the claims of the '787 and '015 applications have not been allowed, and since the present application was filed prior to the '787 and '015 applications.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No charges are believed due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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